

# LEWIS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Disaster Kits

# NOAA Weather Radios

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#### More information:

- Additional preparedness tips can be found at: www.lewiscountywa.gov
- FEMA website: www.ready.gov

As a continuing effort to promote preparedness, Lewis County Emergency Management will be providing Monthly Safety Messages that will focus on allhazard, can-do preparedness for individuals and neighborhoods. Disasters typically happen with little or no warning, and can leave us cut off from outside support for 3-7 days, or longer in wide-spread events.

While there are no guarantees, individuals who are prepared typically experience a reduction in loss, injury,

damage, and trauma. Neighborhoods that are prepared and ready to complete initial re-

sponse activity also help minimize the tasks of the emergency responders.

The key to successful preparedness is to take one hour a month to complete one preparedness task. Begin or continue your family preparedness by completing the following preparedness assignment



### September is NOAA Weather Radio Month

September is NOAA Weather Radio Month. All citizens of Lewis County are urged to use NOAA Weather Radio to receive watches and warnings pertaining to weather events in the local region.

## Some commonly asked questions:

#### What is a "NOAA Weather Radio"?

A "NOAA Weather Radio" is specially designed to receive and broadcast all-hazards alert notifications by special frequencies not normally used by music and talk radio stations. Weather Radios provide weather-related forecasts, watches, and warnings directly from the National Weather Service.

#### When Does It Work?

Operating 24-hours a day and 7 days a week, NOAA Weather radios are always on guard to alert citizens, even in the middle of the night, to emergencies and weather conditions in the immediate area, even when other communication lines are unavailable.

#### What Information can I receive?

A display model radio will signal an audible alert with a visible indicator light as a "watch" or "warning" and a brief digital text message to advise on a wide range of emergency situations and post-event information for all types of hazards including: natural (e.g. earthquakes or avalanches), environmental (e.g. chemical releases or oil spills) and public safety (e.g. AMBER alerts or 911 telephone outages).

#### Where can I purchase a NOAA Weather Radio?

Visit your local electronics retailers or internet outlets for more information. If you need more information on weather radios or have other disaster preparedness questions, contact Lewis County Emergency management at (360) 740-1151.

#### **Mission Statement:**

Lewis County Emergency Management shall seek to minimize the impacts of disasters and emergencies on the people, property, and environment of Lewis County through strong partnerships that promote mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts.